(c) whether it is also a fact that the rate of human resource development in those States has been more where per capita income is more; and

(d) if not, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The National Human Development Report (NHDR) — 2001 prepared by the Planning Commission and released by the Prime Minister on April 23rd, 2002 has presented a Human Development Index (HDI) for all States and UTs for the early eighties (using data for 1981 to 1983) and the early nineties (using data for 1991 to 1993-94) and only for major States for 2001 due to the non-availability, so far, of the required data for all States/UTs from the Census 2001. The Report does not separately estimate yearly rates of growth in human development.

(c) and (d) From the analysis it turns out that for the economically better off States, as well as for the poor States, attainments on HDI and income levels show a direct correspondence. In other words, the poor States are also the States with relatively poor performance on HDI. Similarly, the economically better-off States are also the ones with relatively better performance on the HDI. However, the relation between the HDI and the level of development does not show any correspondence among the middle-income States.

Annual Growth Rate of GDP

†5371. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual growth rate of GDP during the Ninth Five Year Plan has been be less as compared to Eighth and Seventh Five Year Plans;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the annual growth rate of GDP during each year of the Ninth Five Year Plan period and the value of GDP during the last year?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The annual GDP growth rates (at Constant 1993-94 prices) during each year of the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) are:

Year	Rate of Growth of GDP (%)
1997-1998	4.8
1998-1999	6.5
1999-2000	6.1
2000-2001	4.0
2001-2002	5.4

According to the Advanced Estimates of National Income, 2001-02 released by the Central Statistical Organisation, the GDP at factor cost was Rs. 1258808 crore in 2001-02 (at constant 1993-94 prices).

Corporation Check Gates In Tax Collection

5372. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether law provides for free and unhindered passage of vehicles both commercial and private along the National Highways;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that Guwahati Municipal Corporation is in the process of finalising tender bids for collection of entry tax at four check gates located within a distance of 13 km. on the National Highway 37; and

(c) whether this reported move is in violation of Article 265 of the Constitution of India if so, what action Government plan to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) The law provides for regulation of traffic along the roads including National Highways as per the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 for the safety and convenience of the public.